

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 24th day of February in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Aaron Atkins gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the following individuals present: Commissioners Jill Kirkpatrick, Charles Genesio, and Michael Ward. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins, and City Clerk Ruth Hale.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the February 10th meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Approval of Bills:

The Council approved payment of the bill list.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Appointments:

Motion and Vote to Appoint Harold Calderon to the Du Quoin Library Board for the unexpired term of Larry Underwood which expires July 1, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Motion and Vote to appoint Ruth Hale to Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Board to replace Andrew Croessman

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Ordinances:

A. 2020-O02-02: An Ordinance Authorizing a Non-Hazardous Waste Agreement with Perry Ridge Landfill, Inc. (Public Display) The Agreement allows for the removal of sludge from the Water Treatment Plant.

Motion: Commissioner Genesisio **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. 2020-O02-03: An Ordinance Authorizing a Leachate Disposal Agreement with Perry Ridge Landfill, Inc. (Public Display) – After discussion of the agreement, Commissioner Genesisio set forth a Motion to Table at the suggestion of Aaron Atkins. The Commissioner expressed a need to re-examine the contract language and wait until Commissioner Karnes returns from vacation.

Motion: Commissioner Genesisio **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Resolutions:

A. 2020-R02-01: A Resolution Authorizing Use of Du Quoin Tax Increment Funds to Reimburse the Du Quoin Tourism Commission for Permanent Physical Improvements in Du Quoin Tax Increment District #1. Mayor said this is to reimburse Tourism \$2,000. The Council approved for final approval.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesisio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. 2020-R02-02: A Resolution Authorizing Use of Du Quoin Tax Increment Funds to Reimburse the City of Du Quoin for Street and Alleyway Improvements in Du Quoin Tax Increment District #2. The Council approved for Final Approval.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesisio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2020-R02-04 A Resolution Appointing Ruth Hale as an Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. She will replace Andrew Croessman as the City's Authorized Agent.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

D. Resolution 2020-R02-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Generator from Oakley Services, Inc. Commissioner Genesisio discussed generators that are non-repairable. One was moved to Grant Way lift station and it was never in full operation. This will replace it at \$7,361.00, and parts are readily available. He stated that it is in the budget to replace the generator. Another purchase may be forthcoming. Commissioner Ward asked if it this one was used. Genesisio stated it is used but in good condition and easier to get replacement parts if needed. The old one has an engine that does not have parts available. A new generator would cost approximately \$60,000. This generator saves the City funds and is warranted for a period. After the vote, Mayor asked Dave Durkota about the fire house generator. He stated that it is inadequate but doing the job for now. A replacement may be necessary in a few years.

Motion: Commissioner Genesisio **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

E. Resolution 2020-R02-06 A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and the Du Quoin Community Development Corporation (DCDC) to Acquire Property at 226 S. Hickory Street (Public Display) - Aaron Atkins stated that the Resolution should be tabled due to the incorrect classification of a 'Resolution'. The correct classification is 'Ordinance' and it will be corrected for the next council meeting.

Other Business:

Aaron Atkins discussed aspects regarding recreational marijuana. Aaron discussed process required to pass an ordinance regarding marijuana sales. The City's codifier, Frank Heiligenstein, provided a document on guidance for establishing cannabis protocols. It outlines the process and indicates that the Zoning Commission must Zone the locations before an ordinance can be passed by the Council. Mr. Atkins also asked the Council to consider creating ordinances regarding underage possession, underage consumption, and public consumption. Currently, violations are written as State violations and the County benefits from the revenue even though City officers are dealing with the incidents. Having City ordinances will generate revenue for Du Quoin.

Mayor asked what the Council thought regarding referring the issue to the Zoning Commission. Commissioner Ward wants to wait until after March 23. Aaron Atkins mentioned that the people should have the location in order to make an informed decision in November.

Commissioners then discussed whether to have an open session in March if it's going to be on the ballot in November. Commissioner Kirkpatrick suggested just placing it on the ballot. Genesisio stated it's a business decision and why do we need to bring it to the people. Mayor indicating taking it to the people was the right thing to do to judge actual public opinion since it is a presidential election year and the turnout is usually far greater than other elections.

Atkins said it is very early in the year and there may be other communities that add it to their ballots in November, but as of now he is not aware of any other communities coordinating such referendums. The law only became effective January. Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked Aaron to get a list of what other communities are doing. Atkins agreed and said he will also prepare the ordinance for the meeting on the 23rd.

Commissioners' Comments:

Genesisio- Offered Condolences to Chief Ingram on the loss of his mother.

Ward - Echoed sentiments to the Chief and expressed his appreciation for all that he and Dave Durkota and their staff do for the City.

Kirkpatrick - Offered her condolences to Chief Ingram and welcomed Ruth Hale.

Ruth - Expressed thanks again for the opportunity.

Mayor - Expressed his sympathy to the Chief at this difficult time.

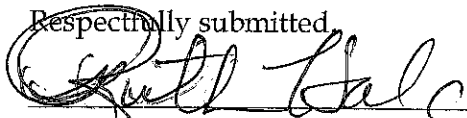
Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Hale", written over a horizontal line.

Ruth Hale, City Clerk